

fuller confidence that we will do it, if it is proposed - I
must confess, that, after the facts were so fully set forth
by Mr: Ellis, in the Brutus Case, and so promptly
admitted by the Comptroller & Auditor, I could not
account for the caption of the Certificate as "2nd Clap".
The body of the certificate recites, that the money was
paid in par funds, & that it was so available to the Gov:
Now, my dear Sir, if par funds, advanced fourteen
years ago, to relieve the poor & property, took ~~body~~ of the state,
constitute a second Clap claim only, ~~that~~ when
no one else could be found to do it, what sort of
services and what degree of devotion intended to
Your Country, in the hour of her greatest despondency &
desolation, would entitle a Creditor to receive a first
Clap certificate? But, I believe that this deposit can well
be remitted - The Legislature I hope will do it - It is
but a trifles to her & to me it will be important and sufficiently
my dear -

The whole of my advances were residing \$8000 dollars -
and the present amount of my claims ~~amount~~ ^{are} ~~expenses~~
of \$18000, that is principal & interest for 14 Years -

Permit me before I close to add one more
item of service, but not of demand for compensation.
I do it merely to show the character and extent of
our sympathy for the sufferings of our friends in
Texas at that trying period -

About the time when the invading Army under
Santa Anna, was devastating Texas, and his brutal
forces encircled the Alamo, where her Patriot's were
besieged and doomed to slaughter, and her distressed
people were flying for safety in every direction and
perishing for want of Bread, a few friends, reside
in this City, to relieve them as ~~far~~ far as he could
we chartered a fine schooner, loaded her with pro-
visions